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KANSAS PRAISES SUNG BY EVERYBODY.

"Western Reserve" of Kansas

Southwestern Kansas is an immense area of glorious possibilities and of magnificent probabilities. The country lying west of the sixth principal meridian is an infant empire of great promise and of certain fulfillment. But a few years ago, this section of Kansas was regarded as a waste of sand, with widely separate patches of buffalo grass, good for nothing but grazing purposes, and not worth much for that. To-day way out to the Colorado line it is a fertile country, better settled in proportion to its age, than the eastern half of the state, and developing as fast as prairie schooners and railway trains can hurry thither with their burden of homeseekers. Farms as fine as may be found anywhere are scattered thick over this region. Towns are springing up as if by magic, and the stakes in Southwestern Kansas are driven for permanence. The tide of population will never again recede from Southwestern Kansas. Those who are settled here now, and the thousands who will this year locate here, are here to stay. They are here to regenerate and transform, by the dint of brave and persistent husbandry, this most beautiful part of Kansas into a veritable garden. There is no section of country of equal area in the United States, if indeed anywhere in the world, that has such magnificent topography, and such surface beauty as Southwestern Kansas.

The counties of Lane, Ness, Scott, Wichita, Greeley, Finney, Ford, Hamilton, Hodgeman, Clark, Seward, Stevens and Morton, are the garden spots of Kansas. The soil is rich and deep, and under the skillful manipulation of farmers at present residing there, when the railroads already projected throughout these counties, and others certain to follow, are built, the prosperity, influence and political power of this region can scarcely be estimated. The Sentinel makes the prediction that within the next ten years to the outside, western Kansas will be to the balance of the state in all respects, what the western reserve of Ohio is to all the balance of that great state.—Garden City Sentinel.

Kansas Corn.

There are but few of all the American people who have the least conception of the resources of Kansas. Take the single product of corn for example. Who can tell us how much of a train of cars it would take to carry the corn crop of 1885 to New York? I have not computed it, but one who has, informs me that if all the corn was loaded and put upon a railway and transported across the country when the engines reached New York the caboose would be the other side of the Rocky Mountains, beyond Denver. Kansas corn crops are simply enormous, and this is one great reason why Kansas is such a prosperous State. Kansas has undoubtedly won the first place among the corn growing States of America. It is an undoubted fact that Kansas last year raised 62,000,000 bushels more merchantable corn than any other State. And as corn is king, Kansas is the king of corn growing States. If then, corn is king, wheat may be said to be queen, and Kansas is moving her king and queen upon the great chess board of the Union and is rapidly check-mating all that moves against her. If Jacob were alive to-day, he would undoubtedly send his children to Kansas to buy corn. Therefore, there is no doubt about the advantages of Kansas as a stock-growing State. Moreover, the grasses of Kansas are not surpassed by any of the Western States, so it is not surprising that she raises more horses than Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois or Wisconsin. Kansas has always been a stock country. Even before civilization drove the Indian and buffalo from its vast plains, the buffalo and wild horse roamed these great prairies in countless herds and bands since which the cattle interests has become phenomenal. But, better than all, the New Englander and European have settled upon these fertile acres and cut much of this country into small farms of a few hundred acres; and industry, intelligence, and wealth grow space. No longer a State with merely possible greatness, it has already achieved distinction and an enviable position among the foremost farming and grazing States of the great West. And yet in view of the great harvest of 1884 and 1885, and the magnificent crop of the past few years, men can be found who emigrated to the lands of starvation, having never heard an intelligent and truthful report of Kansas. When the first governor was inaugurated here, it was not known that apples could grow in Kansas. Fifteen years later Kansas fruit was the first place at the Centennial. Orchards and vineyards flourish here. Kansas lies between the 37th and 40th parallels of latitude, a district that is said to control the destinies of the globe the world over; a parallel that has been the thread upon which jewels of wealth, plenty, luxury, and refinement have been hung from time immemorial. The 37th parallel is the girdle which the geni of civilization have spun around the sphere. Along it lies great cities, Kansas is in the very path of prosperity. With as fertile soil as lies out of doors, and with a salubrious climate, it is therefore a fit abode for successful men.—Kansas Farmer.

Very True.

The Wichita Eagle makes the following sensible and practical comments on advertising towns:

"Topeka following the lead of St. Joe and other towns, proposes through its board of trade and from its real-estate dealers to raise a fund to advertise Topeka in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat."

Such schemes are a waste of money, benefiting principally the papers handling the advertisement. The average American citizen, at least that class which makes towns boom with money, know a blow when they see it. Notoriety is desirable for a town, but not the notoriety of a patent medicine. The best advertisement or notoriety which can come to any town is that which comes through its natural advantages as set forth through its own papers, and then it must not be an advertisement, per se, for the purpose of catching anybody. A very good way is to make the local paper of such a character that not only real-estate men, but everybody else will send copies to friends east. If John Smith, living down in Maine gets a paper from his friend Jim Jones living in Topeka, Smith reads that paper because he is interested in Jones, not that he cares a continental for Topeka itself. If Jones don't happen to live in Topeka, or if Topeka's real-estate and business men are not of the Jones stripe, then Smith will never be coaxed away from home by any full page blows and pamphlet addition lies that can or might be published.

Death of a Generation.

Professor Swing, in a recent lecture, said that Mr. Beecher's death seems the death of a generation. "The Parkers, the Phillipses, the Sumners, the Chases, the Lincolns, the Grants—a freedom's thinkers, freedom's orators, freedom's poets, freedom's statesmen, freedom's soldiers—are hurrying away from the world, and are leaving to new hands interests the greatest ever committed to mind and heart."

There must be a great Fatherland to which these citizens repair, because they have accomplished their tasks in this world. We can survive their loss if the new multitude will read their lives, mark their motives of action, their high politics, their simple but divine religion, and if their tombs shall become places where youth shall bow down in tears and deep thoughtfulness, and as at the altars of God make solemn vows of lifelong service to mankind."

A Good Indication.

One of the best indications that we have of a year of prosperity may be found in the exchanges of the market, and especially the railroad stock markets. The slightest derangement of existing system is indicated here with barometric precision.

A market which has shown its ability to stand such shocks as the interstate commerce bill, the European war rumors which caused heavy foreign selling, and the late labor troubles, has its foundation on a rock, and it can have but one course in the near future, and that upward.

The continued prosperity of the country, the constantly increasing railroad earnings, the tendency of the government to call in its bonds as fast as they can be supplied, all points to a year of unparalleled activity.

One of the best ways of booming a town and attracting to it the best class of citizens is to support good churches in it. People of good moral character, upright and honest, whether they be church member or infidels, would rather make their home in a city of churches than a city of none. Whatever may be their individual opinion as to the distinctive doctrine taught in the pulpits, they realize the fact that obedience to law and respect for life and property are taught there, and that a community where churches abound and are well supported is a better and safer one in which to live and bring up a family than one without such safeguard.

A syndicate has been formed here for the purpose of manufacturing lime, chalk and whitening, from a superior quantity of material found in Trego county, near Wa-Keeney. The following gentlemen have signed an application for a charter: Mr. I. N. Spear, of Wa-Keeney, Messrs. Maxwell, Schnell and Callen. A sample of chalk can be seen at the real-estate office of Schnell and Sands. The company have 480 acres of land, one quarter of which is composed of chalk, averaging from eight to fifteen feet in depth.—Junction City Republican.

An enthusiastic exchange says it is estimated that 250,000 people will be added to the population of Kansas during the present year, which will bring into the state not less than \$225,000,000. This vast sum added to the circulating medium of the state will keep up the boom while older states are suffering the rigors of hard times caused, very largely, by the loss of this very money.

None but employees of railroads will be entitled to free passes hereafter. The newspaper man who will hire out to a railroad corporation to pull wires between the ties and take out his salary in passes is unworthy of the name of journalist.

What causes the boom? Simply the development of the country, added to the fact that we have the best country to develop that ever the sun shone on. This causes the boom.

FROM POVERTY TO AFFLUENCE.

"Sticking Closer Than a Brother" Has Made Men Rich.

From Small Beginnings to Large Endings.

The Stone that Gathers the Moss.

It is no disgrace to be poor. If it were a disgrace to be rich people would prefer the disgrace of poverty but it is quite convenient to be possessed of some worldly goods, to keep grim poverty from the door. There are many men in Western Kansas who have felt the pinching pang of hunger and poverty. They came from their eastern homes, hoping to better their condition in the west. They chose wisely, though they may have encountered many hardships and many privations. Coming west with little money, many men with families with only sufficient money to pay land office fees for entry of land, how to provide even the scanty means necessary, was a problem that stared before them like a ghost stalking abroad. The rudest dug out and houses afforded shelter, and the plainest food provided sustenance to many of our new settlers. "Buffalo chips" furnished fuel to many families, coal being an immense luxury. Those settlers who came here previous to the drought of 1879 passed through some trying times. In their contentment now they can look back with some feelings of gratification, knowing that wealth has been gained through many hardships in a way that can be appreciated. Picking up buffalo bones and cattle bones was a profitable industry with many settlers, tanning and freighting, too, offered good business, and the proceeds of the labor supplied the family larder. Until within a few years past farming was not extensive in this section of Kansas, the cattle raising industry being the one that was profitable. Now this region is taken up by the heavy handed son of toil, and the plow will do the work of development. Mixed farming and stock raising, and corn and wheat, will be profitable industries in the future.

But we started out to tell of a few settlers, whose personal history is of interest to many of our acquaintances. We know of some men who came here with barely enough money to carry them here, who are now rich and doing well. They came here with true hearts, and determined to weather the storms of adversity and to share in prosperity. There were some families, in the drought of 1879, who could not leave here if they desired. There are some who, through choice, but many settlers pulled up stakes and went "back to their wives' folks." It is the rolling stone that gathers no moss, and the maxim has proved itself in the cases of many of our settlers. It required courage to remain here in the dark days, but through their perseverance ample rewards have been made. We know the history of the pioneer is the same the world over. We will be pardoned for using the names of some of our well known settlers in sketching this brief history for the benefit of the traveler.

We remember well when Fred Maderley arrived here with a few household goods, some time before the droughty time. He secured some hay land, and notwithstanding hardships he endured, and continued industry, he has accumulated two quarter sections of valuable land, has some stock and owns some town property. He passed through some hardships that we know stouter hearts would quake under. He will pass into old age simply provided.

The experience of Nick Mayhew is full of vicissitudes, and he can recount many privations in order to secure a comfortable home. Nick has made vegetable raising a success, and farming, stock raising and tree culture has been successful with him. He came here in 1875, and his faith in the ultimate favorable outcome is making a reward.

Charles Dickerson knows what "holding down a claim" means. The drought of 1879 blasted his farmer hopes, and engaging in teaming in Dodge he was soon after enabled to go into a business pursuit. His success was well secured, and Charles can now count his possessions by the thousands of dollars.

J. H. Crawford is one of our most prosperous men, and owner of considerable land and farming property. Mr. Crawford had experienced some of the severest hardships and endured the privations incident to the early settler, but he is guaranteed a competence to help him in the declining years of life.

One of the most prosperous merchants in the city is L. E. McIntyre. In 1878 Mac located on Crooked Creek, and alternated in following hay-making and avoiding the savages who were excusing and depredating through the country at that time. Engaging in mercantile pursuits soon after, he has gradually rose up the ladder of wealth, and is counting his thousands yearly, in possession of lands and city property.

James Zerbo, one of our enterprising farmers on Duck creek, came here in 1875. He has made farming a success. He has a large number of acres of ground under cultivation. His comfortable house and pleasant surroundings show what can be done, commencing with only two Indian hands and a willing heart. Mr. Zerbo experienced the drought in 1879-80, but he has weathered all of the storms, and reverses, and is well fixed.

We could name scores of men in Ford county who have made farming a success, of course they had scanty means to begin with, and were fully provided with the necessary arrangements for living. But they commenced in a small way, until they are amply provided, and have horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens, etc., have good comfortable houses, and are living in contentment and plenty. There are many early settlers here in this county who would not exchange places for the present and best position in the east. They are faithful to the future of this portion of Kansas. They know from experience that the plow is the agent that will restore this country, and which is restoring this arid waste, and making it bloom as the rose.

We might go on and give a hundred instances of the successful career of men, who have raised from apparent poverty to affluence. But we have narrated a few, and these ought to be sufficient, guarantee that success in Western Kansas, like in all other countries, is accorded to him who will put his trust in God, his hand to the plow, and his energies and talents to better his own condition, the condition of his family, and the welfare of his fellow man.

THE BOOM CRAZE AT WICHITA.

The Wichita Republic is fearful, least we shall be without harvest, the farmers are going into the real estate procession. It says:

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JAS. D. DENT, Land Attorney.

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Separate bids are also invited for furnishing for the same period choice cuts of fresh beef for officers' use and also for furnishing each beef cattle on the hoof as may be required at each post for the use of the troops in the field or on the march.

Each bid must be accompanied by a guarantee as specified in the printed information as to conditions and quality of beef and mutton, payments, etc.

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